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## New Community Corporation And The Empowerment Zone...Perfect Together

New Community Corporation is involved in the city-wide planning process to develop a strategic plan which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Newark is competing for designation as one of six empowerment zones to be named by the federal government. The benefits of designation include an award of \$100 million, the opportunity for waivers from federal rules and regulations, preferential status on federal grant applications, and tax credits to businesses that employ people living within the Empowerment Zones.

NCC was cited by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in their publication, "Guidebook For Community Based Planning in Empowerment Zones," as a national



Dr. Larry Leverett speaks at the Education Task Force.

model. They wrote that, "NCC is one of the most successful community development corporations in the nation, surviving in one of the most enduring city-wide concentrations of poverty in the country."

Job creation is resoundingly recognized as the major theme for Newark's strategic plan. The five task force groups commissioned to provide leadership in the planning process are focused on developing business opportunities and entrepreneurship to increase opportunities for residents within the zone.

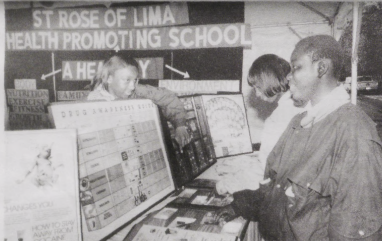
The strategic plan will be based on

input received from the community over the past several months and will include recommendation to address issues of housing, public safety, education, economic development, and social services.

The important role of education, lifelong learning, and job training underscores the emerging theme, "Learn to Earn," that is central to ensuring that residents are prepared to compete for jobs and to help them achieve the benefits of the job creation strategies to be supported if Newark is named one of the six U.S. cities to

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## New Community Health And Safety Fair



St. Rose of Lima students contributed to the Health Fair with their outstanding displays on drug awareness. See more photos on page 3.

Two large tents in the courtyard adjacent to New Community Associates, were the scene of the largest Health Fair ever sponsored by New Community Corporation. The theme of the three day event was YOUR HEALTH: GATEWAY TO A GOOD LIFE. It was held on May 12-14th, and was an event that attracted over 1,000 visitors over the three day period.

The tents, and two adjacent sites—

Babyland III and New Community Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., housed over 50 exhibitors over the three day period. Children in several classes from local neighborhood schools including 13th Avenue School, Camden Middle School, St. Rose of Lima School, Newton Street School,

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## World Of Foods Wins Top Prize At Edible Arts Contest

The World of Foods Restaurant can be very proud today. On Thursday, May 19th, they won first place at Edible Arts Three: A Juried Exhibition, held at the City Without Walls Gallery in Gateway I in Newark.

They surpassed competition from some very well-known Newark Restaurants including The Priory, the Hilton Gateway, JE's, Rubens Restaurant and Supper Club, Jasmine's, the Robert Treat Hotel, Countinho's Bakery, Hobby's Delicatessen and the Green Street Cafe.

Catching the people's fancy from among all the entries were chicken tenderloins kissed with a delicious Southern barbecue sauce, fresh collard greens/cabbage, baked macaroni and cheese and sweet potato cornbread, tantalizingly presented on a six foot table carpeted with multi-colored edible radish flowers.

The World of Foods Restaurant is a spacious, modern, cafeteria style establishment conveniently located at 169 Bergen Street in the Pathmark Shopping Center. The restaurant also serves as the New Community Corporation/Center for Employment Training facility.

The Southern Cuisine offering, presented with the theme "Simple Elegance" was under the direction of George Wilson, NCC/CET instructor



Michael Williams (left) and Anthony Bechum (right) stand proudly with World of Foods manager, George Wilson. Congratulations, top prize team!

Counselor (Commercial Foods) and a team including Anthony Bechum (Chef/Manager), Juan Valentin (Shift Supervisor), Shirley Anderson (Cook), Lakita Paige (Cook), Michael Williams (Cook/CET Graduate), Robert Derios (CET Student), Arnold Mills (CET Student), and enjoyed the support of all World of Foods employees.

City Without Walls is a non-profit contemporary arts center that for over 15 years has kept the visual arts alive in downtown Newark.

## Pathmark To Distribute Food Stamps

Beginning this May, Pathmark stores in Essex County will begin to distribute food stamps to eligible participants from Essex County only.

After getting an Authorization to Participate (ATP) Card from the County, eligible participants can visit the stores and receive their allocation at a window near the courtesy counter that has been designated for food stamp customers only. This window will be open 7 days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Food Stamps will be distributed to eligible participants during these hours only.

The New Community/Pathmark store at 131-185 Bergen Street, Newark will be participating in the program.

Other Essex County Pathmarks which will offer the new service are located at:

- 726 Washington Ave., Belleville
- 115 Belmont Ave., Belleville
- 277 Ferry St., Newark
- 471-79 Lyons Ave., Irvington
- 35 Lackawanna Plaza, Montclair
- 407 Valley St., South Orange
- 345 Prospect Ave., West Orange

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### AIDS IN NEWARK

- Newark's per capita rate of AIDS infection is second only to New York City in the entire United States.
- It is the highest in AIDS among women in the United States.

## Newark Rotary To Honor Msgr. Linder As Person Of The Year

The Newark Rotary Club will present its "Person of the Year" award to Monsignor William J. Linder on Tuesday, June 7. The presentation will be made at a luncheon starting at 12:15 p.m. at Don's 21 restaurant, Newark, and will inaugurate the "Person of the Year" as an annual Newark Rotary award.

"Newark Rotary could not have chosen a more deserving recipient for our first 'Person of the Year' award," said Deborah Davis Ford, president. "Msgr. Linder's accomplishments in housing, planning and other fields, and his profound concern for people of all ages are legendary. We are proud to honor him."

The Newark Rotary Club was founded in 1910 and has been continually active since then in many areas. For the past 13 years its members have raised \$15,000 in Super Bowl raffles to give to youth oriented groups in Newark.

This year they wanted to get more involved in the community. The group felt the need to recognize individuals in Newark who have contributed to the city. The nominating committee felt that Monsignor Linder's qualities were very strong, especially with his focus on housing, education and youth. The Rotary has focused on education and youth for years so the tie-in was perfect. They decided Monsignor Linder was an excellent choice to kick off its "Person of the Year" award.

Msgr. Linder is pastor of Saint Rose

of Lima Parish in Newark and the founder in 1968 of New Community Corporation (NCC), the non-profit community organization that has developed and now manages 2,400 units housing in the city. NCC is now entering a community employment education and training area with its Center for Employment Training (CET) program.

Msgr. Linder has served as member or chairman of over two dozen organizations, committees and task forces in housing, finance, education, planning and social concerns at local, county, state and national levels.

He has been honored from the state level to the White House, but it is exciting to see a prophet honored in his own land as well.

## Health Fair Special Programs

On Monday evening, May 9th, New Community Hispanic Development Corporation presented a program entitled HEALTH CARE ISSUES IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY. The speaker was Ms. Myriam Ramirez de La Casa de Don Pedro, a local community development corporation. Those attending heard a dynamic presentation which focused on a variety of concerns which residents feel have a negative impact on the health of Newark's Hispanic residents. Sr. Guadalupe Nieto is the Director of NCC Hispanic Development.

RAGE AND YOUTH VIOLENCE was the theme of a powerful presentation held on Thursday evening, May 12th at St. Rose of Lima Elementary School. Ms. Lorrie Risbrook Olivera, M.Ed., and Jerome Addison, of the Office of Intervention Services of the UMDNJ Community Mental Health Center in Piscataway, utilized videotapes to spark a lively dialogue.

Over 75 parents and children and interested adults saw clips of the *Kids Killing Kids* video presentation narrated by Malcolm Jamal Warner, formerly of the *Cosby* show, and the movie *Strapped*, a motion picture, both of which illustrated the consequences of using violence. Ms. Risbrook Olivera and Mr. Addison then asked the members of the audience to think about other non-violent ways to solve the problems depicted including the STOP, THINK, AND ACT approach. They also focused on helping parents to understand their kids' behavior and ways for families to develop better communication.

Parents and children of the New Community Allies For Youth, New Community Harmony House, and St. Rose of Lima School, as well as neighborhood families all participated in the event. Several parents commented that living in the city and trying to raise children successfully while surrounded by negative influences, is extremely stressful to children and parents. The consensus of the group was summed up by an Allies For Youth parent who said, "We need more programs like this. This room should have been filled."

Florence Williams

**N.J. Primary Election  
For State And County Offices  
June 7**

**Newark Run-Off Election  
For At-Large Council Members  
June 14**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

## Secretary's Day

On Wednesday, April 27, the Human Resources Department of New Community Corporation hosted a luncheon and workshop for over 40 secretaries in the Newark Secretaries from St. Rocco's School also attended.

The workshop entitled "YOUR ROLE AS SECRETARY" was presented by Sr. Catherine Moran and Sr. Dolores Russo.

Each secretary was presented with a green and white carnation corsage and a colorful gift bag containing a beautifully sculptured letter-opener and personal care products. There were also door prizes to add to the delight of the day.

Sister Dolores who left New Community on April 29 was presented with a beautiful plant by the secretaries. Sister Dolores has been a part of the Secretary's Day activities for the past five years. We wish her much success in her new position.

After an address by Arthur Wilson, President of NCC Board of Trustees, they were treated to a wonderful buffet in the Priory Restaurant.

Cecilia M. Faulks  
Human Resources Director



Tonya Boyd assists Linda Studvart with her corsage.

Editor's Note:

Lee Felicissima F. Dulog, secretary to Ms. Tanya Smith, in-house counsel, won a \$50 gift certificate to Macy's in an Annual Appreciation Day Drawing for legal secretaries, sponsored by The New Jersey Law Journal. Ms. Smith nominated her for participation.



As a token of appreciation for over 7 years of service, Cecilia Faulks and Carmen Gamalinda present Sr. Dolores Russo with a bouquet of flowers.

## The Priory Restaurant

## Father's Day Buffet

Celebrate with good food, live music,  
and a Champagne Toast!

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Sunday, June 19

Seatings at 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Adults \$21.95 plus tax and gratuity

Children 12 and under, half price

The Jazz music of  
Steve and Iqua Colson  
from Noon-5:00pm

The Priory Restaurant is located in  
St. Joseph Plaza  
233 West Market Street, Newark



### Contribute to the Msgr. William J. Linder Scholarship Fund

Your \$\$\$ Can Have a Lasting Impact on a Young Life!

For many bright, talented young people in this area, alternative education offers the only real opportunity for quality learning. Unfortunately, students who would benefit the most from alternative education are often the least able to afford the tuition.

The Msgr. William J. Linder Scholarship Fund was created to give such young people access to alternative educational institutions that are committed to preparing and motivating students for future achievement.

By contributing to the Fund, you can have a direct, personal impact on the life of a young person. For more information, contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development (201) 482-0682.

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## Health And Safety Fair...(Continued from page 1)

and preschoolers from Babyland walked to the Health Fair. Senior citizens and adult residents of the neighborhood strolled past the exhibits and stopped to ask questions and get information.

Vision testing and breast cancer screening was offered next door at NCC Associates and lead testing and immunizations were offered at Babyland III by the medical staff. There were many product giveaways and a drawing for door prizes had 14 winning entries.

Some of the sights and sounds of the Health and Safety Fair included Mr. McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog surrounded by children...Children reclining in the UMDNJ Emergency Medical Service Ambulance and wide eyed at the Jaws of Life on the UMDNJ Rescue vehicle...kids seeking out the Newark Police Bike Patrol and the D.A.R.E. Coordinator...CET students setting up their elaborate exhibit...Dentists from UMDNJ giving away toothbrushes and toothpaste...Children learning about the human body by a specially designed doll demonstrated by United Hospitals staff...Doctors and nurses teaching children to take their blood pressures and listen to their heartbeats...Face

Painting by a clown and her helpers...a parent looking at her own lung capacity on a color computer screen...St. Rose of Lima students demonstrating their drug and alcohol awareness exhibit...Blood pressure and diabetes testing...School children going from tent to tent for materials, demonstrations, and free samples and lining up for face painting...Teenagers who like Rap grooving to the music of the Bradford Hayes Quartet, the Priory Jazz group...NCC workers undergoing glaucoma testing...acres of booklets, pamphlets, and videos on everything from Social Security, AIDS, menopause, cancer, child rearing, alcohol and narcotics abuse, to foot care, nutrition and diet, beauty and skin care, safety in the home, heart disease, breast cancer detection, pregnancy, and lead poisoning...and much more.

Many, many people throughout the New Community network worked to make the Health and Safety Fair a huge success. The support of the New Community Foundation enabled the rental of the tents which provided wonderful atmosphere and shelter. Thanks are also due to the exhibitors who participated and provided materials, gifts, and services.

Florence Williams

## Leading The Way



Najah Ford (left) and Shyheazia Barnes (right) put the finishing touches on one of many big green feet they helped paint between the NCC Pathmark Shopping Center and the recently held Health Fair on Bruce St.

Big green feet were appearing up and down Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue. Was Big Foot in Town or did the Jolly Green Giant run out of niblets? Neither was the case...New Community was paving the way to a healthier community and a safer environment.

Allies for Youth participants Skye James, Catrina Craig, Najah Ford, Shyheazia Barnes, Khaliah Phillips,

and SaToya Williams assisted Special Projects Coordinator, Sharanda Evans in painting huge green feet leading from Pathmark shopping center to New Community's Health Fair, which was held on Bruce Street. Thanks to their efforts, many of the neighborhood residents took giant steps to a healthier community.

Sharanda Evans  
Special Projects Coordinator

## Empowerment Zone...(Continued from page 1)

be designated as an Empowerment Zone.

Many of the census tracts included within Newark's Empowerment Zone are located in the 45 acres served by NCC. Ray Codey, NCC Director of Development, noted that he expects the residents of the Central Ward and

the broader Newark community to be well served by the opportunities to promote economic development within the Empowerment Zone. NCC is working collaboratively with other community based organizations to develop a comprehensive response to the needs of children and families in the area.

## Health Fair '94: A Hit With The Community



## Little Bits Taking Big Bites

We are excited at Babyland III about the donation of forty-four #6300 computers from AT&T. It is a grant step toward our computer literacy program — a vital subject for youngsters today.

We now have 3 software packages we'll be using in the program. As our 24 year olds play with **THINKIN' THINGS** they will be building thinking skills essential to many disciplines — including math, science, reading, music and art. When playing with **Bailey's Book House**, non-readers and beginning readers explore with Bailey and friends letter recognition, new vocabulary, composition of stories, making rhymes, etc. And with **Millie's Math House** they explore early math concepts.



Dr. Gloria Freeman supervises the progress being made on the computer by two youngsters at Babyland III.

The computers will also be equipped with Touch Windows so that children who may not otherwise be able to play the games and build essential learning skills (due to some physical or emotional challenge) may do so by using

## A Thoughtful Gift



Dr. Robert Rosen, President of the Summit Jaycees is seen here presenting a check to James Ruffin, Director of Children Together for \$1,500. The money will be used to purchase backyard play equipment for the home on Academy Street in South Orange, New Jersey. Last December the Jaycees sold Christmas trees to earn money for charitable events. We feel fortunate to have been chosen as one of the recipients of their hard work.

their first interaction skill — which is touch.

Since computers are the technology of today, computer literacy has become an essential educational skill. Knowing that, just think of where it will place our children when they reach high school and college. Because the technology is consistently revolutionizing, we MUST prepare them to meet the challenge of the nineties. We wish to provide for them every possible opportunity to succeed!

## National Nurses Week

On Friday, May 6th, the New Community Extended Care Facility recognized the nursing staff for all their efforts in caring for the elderly and infirm of the community who reside in our Extended Care Facility. A special thanks to our nurses

...For your care and dedication  
...For your knowledge and skills  
...For your commitment to your residents

...We appreciate you... **THE FINEST**  
From the Administrative Staff



The ice cream social was a real sweet treat for all of the nursing staff at the NC Extended Care Facility.

## Goodstarts Openings At Babyland II

We still have a few openings for children born in 1990 and 1991 for the Goodstarts Program, at Babyland II. In order to be eligible, the family must live in Newark and meet the

Federal guidelines for income eligibility.

Please call Gloria Leibowitz, Center Supervisor or Ruth Baysah, Family Service Worker, for an appointment.

We're proud that Gayle Chaneyfield is still in the running in her first try for the Newark City Council.

## The True Meaning Of Children Together

Recently, four siblings were placed in a Babyland Foster Home. The sibling group consisted of two boys and two girls ages four, five, seven, and nine, who were being separated from their natural parents and placed into foster care for the first time.

The first hour of the placement was an emotional one, characterized by all of the siblings expressing their sorrow. It looked as if the children were going to cry all afternoon, when suddenly the oldest sibling huddled his younger brother and sisters around him and stated with tremendous strength and courage "we're going to be alright, we're still together." Immediately following this young child's courageous statement, the younger siblings began to calm down. During the next few hours all of the children sat together on the couch and began to acquaint themselves with their new Babyland foster mother.

It has been two weeks since that moving moment and all four of the siblings are enjoying the love, support, and guidance that is indicative of healthy family life.

The primary objective of the Children Together Program is to provide a warm, loving, home-like atmosphere in which brothers and sisters may temporarily stay while the best arrangement for their permanent living placement is being determined. That warm spring day the primary objective of the Children Together Program was realized. Siblings that were likely to have been inadvertently separated in the State foster care system were together. This togetherness provided these young children with the strength, courage, and emotional comfort to overcome one of the darkest hours in their young lives.

## Babyland V Celebrates Memorial Day

Memorial Day was celebrated in Babyland V with a special program featuring the four year old class. The children sang the selected patriotic songs with great gusto, if not perfect pitch. Each child learned a piece of historical information, which was then delivered to the audience composed of their parents and other guests. It was a great learning experience for all who heard the facts about various war heroes including names like Dorie

Miller, the first Black American hero of World War II.

Some students, carrying appropriate state flags, enlightened the audience on the variety of dates on which Memorial Day is celebrated in various parts of our country. The children's rendition of "America the Beautiful" which concluded the program, seemed to touch the hearts and tap into the dreams of all present.



Children at Babyland V take pride in their American heritage during the Memorial Day celebration held at the day care center.

## Caring For Generations

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, which was May 8th-14th, the staff of Extended Care held its annual Adopt-A-Resident Celebration Day on Wednesday, May 11th, 1994.

Staff participated by adopting a resident of their choice and buying them a special gift. Also, a delicious meal was prepared by employees and served to the residents.



Sheri Adedimeji (right) enjoys lunch and light-hearted conversation with her "adopted" resident, Helen Birdsong.



## CET In New Facility

New Community's Center for Employment Training (CET) has officially taken occupancy of its facility located at 393 Central Avenue in Newark. The dwelling is a three-story brick building that houses the administrative offices on the third floor. The second floor is presently under construction and will facilitate many of CET's classroom training programs. It is scheduled to be completed by the first of July 1994.

Under the guidance and direction of Larry Leverett, Director of Learning, the CET has gathered a staff of highly qualified veterans and new enthusiasts to the New Community facility.

**Roger Keaton**, Assistant Director of Management and Operations for the CET is responsible for overall management and coordination of the Center's administrative and job placement functions. Roger has most recently worked for the NYC Private Industry Council, Federation for Employment

**William Robinson**, Facility Maintenance Instructor/Counselor ("Bobbie" as he is affectionately called by students and staff) epitomizes the CET philosophy. Having worked for NCC's Central Maintenance Department, he has made the transition to the classroom, bringing specific knowledge of the trades to his classes.

**George Wilson**, Commercial Foods Instructor/Counselor. He too wears many hats. His responsibilities include the operation of the World of Foods in addition to instruction of the students enrolled in the Commercial Foods Program. His students receive training based on his extensive knowledge of the food service industry as an entrepreneur and teacher.

**Virginia Glick**, Computerized Basic Skills Instructor. Virginia brings tenacity and dedication to her classes, that has been honed through the years.

**Enrique Freeman**, Assistant Skills Lab Teacher is a recent graduate of the Aeronautical Science Program at Tuskegee University.

**Gracie B. Nettingham**, Job Developer, has spent six (6) years of her last eleven years with two vocational proprietary institutes, while maintaining a 90% placement rate. Her duties at CET include World of Work curriculum, job search and development and placement services.

Most recently, CET has added several new people to our staff. Ms. Veronica C. Onwunaka, the Senior Nurse Aide Instructor, will be conducting both classroom and clinical instruction for our Certified Nurses Assistant Program. Assisting Ms. Onwunaka will be Jaculyn Smith, Assistant Nurse Aide Instructor who will provide clinical and remedial instruction.

The melding of these minds and abilities will provide Newark residents with equal access to the learning and earning opportunities necessary to become self-sufficient members of society and more specifically their communities.



Enrique Freeman (standing) assists students with computer training.

and Guidance Services, Raritan Valley Private Industry Council, and brings 15 plus years of administration and program knowledge.

**Harry J. Maroulakos** is Assistant Director of Training and Assessment with responsibilities to include coordination of training assessment, daily oversight and quality assurance for all aspects of training and instruction programs. A recent retiree of the United States Army, he coordinated and implemented numerous educational services for individuals in the armed forces over a span of 21 years.

**Marcia Gaskins-Slueue**, Basic Skills Coordinator has been teaching since 1985, and brings an enormous amount of knowledge and positive work ethic to her position. Marcia maintains the lead for basic skills instruction and coordination along with her teaching duties.

**Sister Ann Tumulty**, Director of NCC Health Services, brings many years of work and health care knowledge to her position. As the Director, she wears numerous hats to facilitate training, curriculum implementation in accordance with state standards and provides the supervision of a state qualified instructor.

**Stephanie R. Barnett**, Intake/Support Counselor. Stephanie maintains a significant position in that, very often she is the first point of contact with CET clients. She provides orientation, intake and assessment for incoming clients, along with daily counseling service, court appearances and any additional service needed to enhance one's program activity.

## Pathmark Employee Of The Month

Robert Hones has worked for Pathmark since it opened. He has worked in several departments such as grocery, receiving and now frozen foods, where he is lead part-timer. When the department manager is on vacation, Robert fills in.

His fine attendance record and the way he has picked up the duties of the department manager so admirably make him a very respected employee. Congratulations! We're proud of you!



## Annual Meeting For NCFCU

The New Community Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 11, at its offices at 140 South Orange Avenue.

At the time, numerous members of the Credit Committee and Board of Directors were ratified by the members. It

ly available at the credit union and that arrangements were being made to add CREDIT CARDS and ATM cards.

Also during the year, the credit union assisted some members in refinancing their homes, and is in the



The annual NCFCU meeting strengthened ties with the community.

was also an opportunity for our members to meet other members from the former Queen of Angels Federal Credit Union. The two credit unions merged in October, 1994.

The members of the Board of Directors are Arthur L. Wilson, President; Sister Noel Alters, Secretary; Mary Smith, Paul Grillo, Dorletha Cross, and Sister Kathleen Coll.

Reggie Lamptey, the Manager, reported that membership had risen from 1,250 to 1,754 and that loans to members had increased by \$400,000 in the last year. He reminded members that Checking Accounts were current.

process of installing a full service mortgage program to provide for the mortgage needs of members.

The Credit Union currently offers its members a wide array of services, including savings accounts, checking accounts, direct deposit of payroll, Social Security and other retirement checks. In the last year, when interest rates were very low, it paid a 3% dividend on all savings accounts and made available to its members a variety of loans at very competitive rates.

JOIN THE CREDIT UNION TODAY. CALL (201) 621-2363 FOR DETAILS.

## Partners In Excellence

The Partners In Excellence Mentoring Program participants visited the Newark Museum this month.

Mentors and students found the trip to be highly educational and full of excitement.

Museum Instructor, Alexander

Ramirez discussed various cultures of other societies and our own. His ability to communicate effectively with children and adults made the visit stimulating and enlightening for all.

Sharanda L. Evans  
Program Coordinator

## New Community Corporation's Center For Employment Training Update

The Center for Employment Training staff offices have moved to:

393 Central Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07103  
201-484-0096

**Skills currently available for enrollment are as follows:**

**Food Service** - 23 week course, leads to employment as an assistant cook, short order cook, pastry cook, sous cook, baker's helper, cafeteria cook, and other related food service occupations.

**Facility Maintenance** - 23 week course, leads to employment as an apprentice carpenter, maintenance carpenter helper, maintenance repair, and electrical helper.

**Courses available in July:**

**Community Health Worker** - 12 week course, leads to employment in community outreach, health and human services.

**Requirements:** Newark Residency  
**Child Care Associate:** 7.5 month course, leads to employment in nurseries, day care facilities, and pre-schools. Course has national recognition and certification and certification as a Group Teacher. Additionally, earn 15 college credits from Kean College.  
**Requirements:** Proof of a High School Diploma or GED

**Skills and GED Preparation:**

NCC CET has expanded lab hours at 35 Halsey Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lab will improve your basic reading and mathematical skills while simultaneously better prepare you for GED testing. Program instruction is on a user friendly computerized program.

Priority to NCC Employees, CET Students and Alumni

**HOW TO ENROLL:**

**Vocational Training Courses**

Call Stephanie Barnett for an INTAKE APPOINTMENT on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 484-0096.

**Skills Lab Training**

Call Marcia Gaskin Slueue for an INTAKE APPOINTMENT on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 484-0096.

## Meet The Management

On Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m., New Community Extended Care Facility hosted its first family meeting for 1994. Extended Care's administrator, Karen Marsh, believed that a "meet the management" forum would provide each resident's family the opportunity to be formally introduced to the administrative team while addressing issues of concern to the appropriate staff members. Representatives from nursing, social

was noted that an outing is scheduled for April 24th to a church concert and dinner. Family members were encouraged to volunteer to assist with activities outside of the facility in order to accommodate as many of Extended Care's 180 residents as possible.

It was also suggested by family members that the facility provide educational workshops and seminars on such topics as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, stroke and coping



Ida Mitchell (far left) speaks to Aminah Bey, Karen Marsh, Penny Mateen and Dr. Charles Mouton at the Management Forum.

services, activities, dietary, environmental services, personnel and finance joined the administrator and medical director in discussing all matters regarding resident care and facility housekeeping and maintenance.

In response to issues of concern raised at the family meeting, the administrative staff reassured family members that the facility is reviewing and addressing all aspects of operation. Families were also assured that redecorating will continue throughout the entire facility. In response to a question posed regarding activities, it

with an aging and ailing loved one. Mr. Kates, president of the Family Council, announced that Family Council will resume regular meetings. Schedule notices and information will be printed in Extended Care's monthly newsletter. Penny Mateen provided the family members with a list of Extended Care's administrative staff and their department telephone extensions so that they may have direct access to the appropriate staff member when needed.

Aminah Bey  
Social Worker

## Elevate To Educate

The first of many events to take place celebrating the 10th Anniversary of New Community's Employment Centers, was a basketball tournament, held at University High School, 55 Clinton Place, Newark on Saturday, April 16th.

This fund raiser was made possible by employees from a network of organizations, forming a working relationship to raise money for education and the homeless. Those instrumental and key players were: Syed Mohammed (Nubian All Stars), Jamar Mohammed (Masjid Mohammed), Ali Salaam (Independence High), Darnell Graham (NCC Security), and Haneef Rashada (Employment Center).

Proceeds were contributed towards the Employment Centers "Black College Tour." Independence High School's Senior Class trip to Washington, D.C., The Clara Mohammed School, and an organization for the homeless.

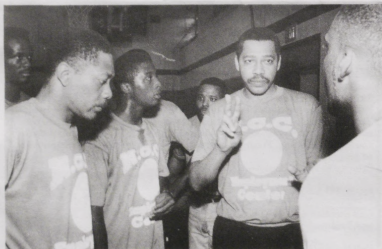
There was a large turnout of individuals who had purchased tickets for this event. Cheers for their favorite teams could be heard as you approached the gymnasium. Orders for refreshments were on going at the concession stand.

The last game between the Nubian All Stars and Independence High was in its final quarter, as the clock ticked down to the last second, The Nubian All Stars rose to capture the Championship.

This was a tournament enjoyed by all and the gleam in the eyes of many children who attended, emitted the fun they experienced in being there. Everyone involved wants to do it again.

Our thanks go out to all of you in coming together and working to make this event a success, and especially to Haneef Rashada for his creativity.

Amanda Harrow



Player-coach Mike Jackson discusses strategies during a time-out.

## Allies For Youth Activities

May was a busy month for the participants of the Allies for Youth Program. To begin the month the Program participants worked hard to complete a mural to be displayed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The mural was the youths interpretation of the arts. The children completed the mural with a focus on rap and hip-hop.

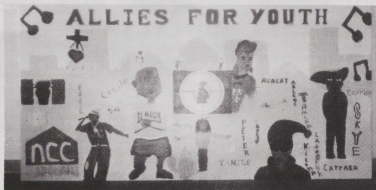
The young people worked diligently sanding and refinishing the canvas, then completing the sketches before applying the paint and finishing touches. Graphic artist Paul Baskerville oversaw the young workers and assisted them in getting their thoughts onto paper and then to the canvas.

The children continued their active month on May 12, when they attended the Rage and Violence Workshop as part of New Community Corporation's

of Newark. The children enjoyed the show along with other members of the NCC family and a wonderful time was had by all.

The youth then lent themselves to the NCC Health Fair cause when several members of the Allies for Youth Program contributed their Saturday, May 14th to hand out fliers for the fair. The children encouraged passers by to attend the fair and distributed several hundred fliers before joining in on festivities themselves.

The Program participants and their parents came together once again, on May 17th, for the AFY Monthly Family Reception. The Reception acted as an orientation for the upcoming Allies for Youth Leadership Boot Camp. The camp's operation was discussed and the program's overall objectives were stated. Parental support was over-



The Allies for Youth mural contribution to the N.J. Performing Arts Center.

Annual Health Fair. The young people were given instruction on how to avoid violent situations by staff from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The children and their parents were taught alternate solutions to conflict situations. The workshop stressed audience participation and both the youth and parents actively took part in the presentation.

On May 13th, Allies for Youth participants enjoyed the play "Fat City" at Newark Symphony Hall. The play was presented by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education and featured over one hundred dancers and actors from schools within the City

whelming, and the mood was both supportive and enthusiastic. The boot camp is being sponsored in conjunction with the Partners In Excellence Mentoring Program. The training camp is receiving a huge amount of support from the mentors from the U.S. Justice Department, other members of the NCC family and the community.

In closing the Allies for Youth Program would like to give a very special thanks to the parents of all the participants. The parental support and attendance throughout the month has been extremely encouraging and we look forward to future participation.

C. Todd Pringle

AFY Activities Coordinator

## Youth Forum Explores Future

Harmony House teens on the move for a better future attended a Youth Action Forum held at Upsala College on April 26, 1994. The program was sponsored by Concerned Citizens of Essex County.

The main focus of the Forum was

realization of a need to be provided with a thorough and efficient education which will to face the future.

Harmony House youth Adana Andrews thought "the program was very helpful in making me realize about the things that happen in our city, like



Harmony House teens take a group photo at Upsala College.

educating today's African-American youth about the various issues that face black children going into the year 2000. Issues discussed included black on black crime, drug abuse in the African-American community, the need for black youth to understand their past in order to deal with their future and the understanding and

drugs. All the things they were saying at the Youth Action Forum are true." Al Siddiqya Morris from Harmony House felt "the program was very nice and the people expressed themselves intelligently and respectfully. I enjoyed myself."

Manuel Burse  
Head Youth Worker



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# Newark Black Film Festival Celebrates 20th Anniversary

For twenty years, the Newark Black Film Festival has presented a vast array of cinematic creativity. The movies screened have touched upon virtually every aspect of traditional and contemporary black life in the United States, Africa, and the African Diaspora. In celebration of this milestone, the Festival presents a very special evening on June 29. Noted historian Ed Guerrero of the University of Delaware, author of *Framing Blackness: The African-American Image in Film*, will reflect on the evolution of black images on the silver screen and the role of film in the global understanding of black life and culture. To provided first-hand in-



sight, a film star has been asked to reflect on personal experiences. To add to the evening's festivities, the 1954

film *Carmen Jones* will be screened. First shown in the 1954 Festival, its stellar cast includes Alvin Ailey, Pearl Bailey, Harry Belafonte, Diannah Carroll, Brock Peters, and the beautiful Dorothy Dandridge as Carmen.

Additional films to be screened during the 1994 season will include a number of new films and a special week of films from Africa. The films from Africa, which will be screened on three consecutive nights at The Newark Museum, will include *Mare*

*Time*, a 1993 film about the AIDS epidemic; *Neria* (Zimbabwe, 1992); and a documentary about the effects of colonization, *Afrique, Je Te Plumerai*. The season will end with films from the Caribbean. Distinguished speakers will introduce the films each evening. Film screenings will take place at The Newark Museum, NJIT, Newark Symphony Hall, and The Newark Public Library.

For a Newark Black Film Festival brochure, call 596-6550.

## Victorian Mansion To Become African-American Cultural Center

The twenty-five room Krueger Mansion is one of the few Victorian residential structures of major importance remaining in the City of Newark. It was built in 1888 by "Beer Baron" Gottfried Krueger at a cost of \$250,000 and is reminiscent of a German castle. A veritable palace on high ground, overlooking downtown Newark, the mansion was subsequently occupied by the Newark Valley of the Scottish Rite, who built a seven hundred seat auditorium, and then by African-American entrepreneur Louise Scott Roundtree, who is credited with having saved the Mansion from certain destruction.

The Mansion and its surrounding site is presently being restored to

parts that include Kenneth A. Underwood, historic architect from Grad Associates; Austin Helle Construction Co.; and Markota & Sons masonry company. This phase of the project should be completed by mid-1994.

The original interior of the Mansion was decorated by a corps of artists and craftsman under the direction of Herman Schultz in the Empire, Louis XVI and Louis XIV styles. A bronze and glass dome covers the intersection of the two main corridors. The dining room was finished in oak and embossed leather, the library in cherry and morocco, and the upstairs sitting rooms in rosewood and inlaid pearl.

The interior of the Mansion will need skillful restoration especially the



become a premier African-American facility for the study and interpretation of the visual and performing arts. The City of Newark has demonstrated its intent to support the restoration of the Mansion and the rehabilitation of the entire block through its bond initiatives and in 1994 the project will be seeking additional public and private grants to assist in both the rehabilitation of the building and the operation of the facility.

In 1990 Catherine J. Lenix-Hooker, then Deputy Director of the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center, was hired as the Executive Director for the Krueger-Scott Mansion Cultural Center. Over the past three years, she has been successful in acquiring grant awards and donations to support exterior renovation and land acquisitions. Major funding has come from the City of Newark, the New Jersey Historic Trust, and Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, she has acquired product donations for paint, wall coverings, memorabilia from the families of Gottfried Krueger and Louise Scott, and authentic Victorian furniture from a local merchant.

The exterior renovations are being performed by a team of restoration ex-

perimenters who are able to provide the specialized work or specific materials needed to restore the Mansion to its 1880s condition. It's a time consuming, arduous process. But it's necessary and I am committed to restoring this house to its original splendor. This community expects nothing less," says Lenix-Hooker.

Once the initial phases of the rehabilitation are completed and the Mansion has been readied for occupancy, Lenix-Hooker envisions a building alive with activities: African-American traveling and permanent exhibitions; artists and scholars-in-residence programs that will train youngsters in art, theater, dance, and literature; community organizations meeting; performing arts events; and historical lectures and guided tours of the Mansion.

The Mansion is an historic landmark and is on both the National and the New Jersey State Registers of Historic Places. If you would like to keep up with the progress of Krueger-Scott Mansion Culture Center call 733-3748 and ask to be put on the mailing list.

## I Dream A World: Portraits Of Black Women Who Changed America

The Newark Museum will present the exhibition "I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America." The exhibition, Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Brian Lanker's portrait photographs of seventy-five exemplary black women, will be on view through June 19 in three first-floor galleries of the museum.

The exhibit honors black women, both renowned and less well-known, who have overcome obstacles of



Leontyne Price

racism, sexism, and poverty through strength and conviction. Women from all sections of the country and fields of endeavor are included, from arts and letters through politics to the military. Some of the subjects are Maya Angelou, Barbara Jordan, Leontyne Price, and Wilma Rudolph. The por-



Wilma Rudolph

traits are oversized black-and-white gelatine silver prints. Each is accompanied by a wall panel giving the woman's personal statement.

Lanker explains his interest in the project by saying, "It is a result of my own growing awareness of the vast contribution black women have made to this country and society. As a photo journalist, I felt the need to prevent these historical lives from being forgotten. All of these women have dreamed of a world not only better for themselves but for generations to come. As they dreamed that world, they acted on those dreams and changed America."

This exhibition is supported in part by AT&T and the Berger Hotels Corporation. The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street and is free and open to the public.

## Garden State Ballet Performs New Ballets

For 33 years, Garden State Ballet has presented the finest of classical ballet throughout the State of New Jersey. The dance company, under the artistic directorship of internationally renowned choreographer Peter Anastos, is committed to developing the "dance literacy" of future audiences through performances, studio workshops, youth concerts, and educational activities.

"I believe that the growth of dance in the community lies in education so that the entire population is included in celebrating the rich and beautiful cultural legacy of ballet, that has helped shape our artistic heritage," says Anastos.

The 1994 spring program includes three all new ballets: "A Bach Cantata" with music by J.S. Bach is a sublime choral masterpiece accompanied by the 60-voice choir and orchestra Ars Musicae Choral and "Sweet Dreams" combines the music of Antonio Vivaldi and Patsy Cline to create a ballet square dance, A Baroque Texas Two-Step — both are choreographed by Anastos; and "Untitled," a world premiere contemporary ballet by Nicholas Rodriguez, artistic director of Dance Compass.

Garden State Ballet will be at the Mary B. Burch Theater, Essex County College on Friday, June 10, 7:30

p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$20.00 and may be purchased by calling 1-800-472-2553 or on the evening of the event.





## Su Salud y La Violencia Doméstica

La Feria de Salud y Seguridad empezó el lunes 9 de Mayo con las presentaciones de Miriam Ramirez y Carmen Ruiz titulada "Preocupaciones de la Comunidad Hispana Sobre la Salud y la Violencia Doméstica" en el Salón Comunitario de Manor Senior. El tema de la violencia doméstica predominó y fue muy atendido por los participantes. Antes de ofrecer la información de la presentación, las presentadoras contaron sus propias historias de abuso en el hogar y como por fin pudieron escapar del ciclo de violencia.

Son muchas las manifestaciones de la violencia: verbal, emocional, sexual y física. Aparte del daño directo, el abuso puede resultar en otros riesgos de salud para las mujeres que han sido víctimas: son susceptibles a dependencia a las drogas, medicinas, especialmente calmantes, al alcohol y a enfermedades causadas por la alta tensión, lo que podría conducir al suicidio en casos extremos.

Además de la que es abusada, hay otras víctimas que sufren, especialmente los hijos, que pueden ser afectados en muchas maneras: comportamiento excesivamente tímido o agresivo, problemas en la escuela o problemas emocionales. Otras víctimas incluyen los ancianos, que a veces son abusados por sus propios hijos. También se habló de las razones sociales y culturales que a veces condona este tipo de comportamiento y los mitos que lo perpetúa.

La oficina de New Community Hispanic Development siempre ha dado énfasis a la importancia de la salud, no solo física, si no mental, emocional y espiritual también. Bona, Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T. dice, "Las cosas siendo como son en el mundo, cada uno tiene que asumir la responsabilidad de su bienestar físico y mental. Nuestra oficina está trabajando para apoyar a la comunidad a un estilo de vida más sana y saludable."

## Marcha Contra Las Drogas

Una marcha para dramatizar el lema "Di si a la Educación y no a las Drogas" se ha de llevar a cabo el sábado, 11 de junio de 1994. La oficina de N.C. Hispanic Development Corp. contribuirá como patrocinador y también se unirá a muchas otras organizaciones de la comunidad en la marcha para mandar un mensaje fuerte contra las drogas a esos de la comunidad que no respetan las vidas y la salud del pueblo, especialmente de los jóvenes. La parada comenzará a las 12:00 del mediodía en la escuela Luis Muñoz Marín, 663 Broadway, Newark.

La ruta será la siguiente: de Broadway a la avenida Montclair, a la avenida Summer, hasta Bloomfield, regresando por Broadway. Se espera que más de 1,000 estudiantes, padres y personas interesadas sean participantes de esta marcha. La parada pasará por ciertos "puntos calientes" de drogas. El foco central de la parada será promover respeto y una base sólida en la educación como arma en contra del abuso de drogas.

Para más información favor de comunicarse con: Elizabeth Hernández al (201) 624-2528 o Carmen Ruiz al (201) 483-2703.

## NC Hispanic Development Corp. At The Health Fair

The Health and Safety Fair began on Monday, May 9, at Manor Senior's community room with a presentation by Miriam Ramirez and Carmen Ruiz titled "Health-care and Domestic Violence Concerns of the Hispanic Community." The domestic violence theme predominated and was of particular interest to those assembled. Before offering the actual presentation, the facilitators shared their own stories of abuse in the home and how they escaped the cycle of violence.

There are many manifestations of violence: verbal, emotional, sexual, and physical. Apart from the direct harm caused, the abuse can also lead to other health risks to victimized women: they are more prone to dependency on drugs, medicines, especially tranquilizers, alcohol, and sickness caused by high stress, which can lead to suicide in extreme cases.

Besides the one who is abused directly, there are others who suffer, primarily the children, who can be affected in various ways: with excessive



Members of the NC Hispanic Development Corp. participated in the Health Fair with the distribution of bilingual brochures and pamphlets relating to health issues.

ly timid or aggressive behavior, problems at school, or emotional problems. Other victims include the elderly, who are sometimes abused by their own children. They also spoke about the social and cultural reasons that often condone this type of behavior and

the myths that perpetuate it.

HC Hispanic Development Corp. has always emphasized the importance of health, not only physical health, but mental, emotional, and spiritual health as well. So Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T. says: "Things being the way they are in the world, each person has to take responsibility for their own physical and mental well-being. Our office is working to empower the community to reach a healthier and more wholesome standard of living."

## Black History Notes George Monroe - Pioneer Of The Pony Express (1860-1861)

Researched by James E. DuBoise

Before 1859 there just weren't many ways to bring mail rapidly from the East Coast to the West Coast of the United States. At that time, for instance, from someone in San Francisco to relatives in Georgia, New York, or Virginia took a full eight months or more to be delivered by the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company's route around Cape Hope at the tip of South America, or you could send mail by the Overland Mail Company stagecoach. Their route took twenty days, which was considered the fastest service available.

A lot of politicians, especially from California, were upset with the situation. With the need to create a new, fast mail service, Senator Williams Gwin of California in 1859 met with Mr. William Russell, one of the owners of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, a Company specializing in long-distance coach and hauling services in the West. Together they came up with a name they thought would be catchy — the Pony Express.

Then came the system of carrying the mail once it was carried by the railroad and steamboat across the Missouri River. It was decided at this point the Pony Express would carry it over a route of two thousand miles of wild and untamed country. A fresh rider picked up the mail and took off cross-country toward California. Each rider rode a sixty mile run, stopping at relay stations just long enough to change horses. A fresh rider would then take the mail from him and gallop another sixty miles.

Choosing the Pony Express riders was no easy job. The men had to be able to ride a horse better than any average cowboy and know how to ride, shoot, speak several Indian tongues and had to be slender in body type and strong as a bull. Riders also had to abide by a strict moral code. Few men could fit the bill. Of the many who applied, only 60 were chosen. The pay was \$120 to \$125 a month.

One of the men selected who stood out among the rest, was a black man named George Monroe. Monroe was the son of a gold miner during the hey day of California's gold rush. Among Monroe's most dangerous assignments was a dispatch from a judge, an order that had to reach the Mariposa sheriff's office in seventeen hours or a man by the name of Johnny Edmonds standing trial for murder would be set free. Edmonds had two

brothers and a friend who had already killed two Pony Express Riders attempting to deliver the judge's order. They lay in ambush for George. After chasing Monroe up and down canyons and plains, Monroe stopped suddenly turning in their direction, Monroe being an excellent marksman killed all three and was able to deliver the mail enabling the judge to order the hanging.

The Pony Express which began on April 3, 1860 was forced to end its glorious history on October 7, 1861 due to the building of the Transcontinental Telegraph line across the West.

George Monroe who rode with legendary cowboys, Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok, became a famous stagecoach driver. In 1879 he was picked to drive Ulysses S. Grant along the dangerous curves of the Wagon Trail into the Yosemite Valley. George did such a good job that a meadow, called "Monroe Meadows," was named after him in Yosemite Valley.

Other black Pony Express Riders were James Frances, William Robinson, John Hall and a famous Indian Scout Jim Beckwith.

## Anti-Drug March

A parade to dramatize the "Say Yes to Education and No to Drugs" theme will be held Saturday, June 11, 1994. NC Hispanic Development Corp. is a contributing sponsor and will also be joining dozens of other community organizations and schools in the march to send a strong anti-drug message to those in the community that don't respect the health and safety of the people, especially the youth, of our neighborhoods. The parade will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. at the Luis Muñoz Marín Middle School, at 663 Broadway, Newark.

The parade route will be as follows: Broadway, Montclair, Summer Avenue, to Bloomfield and back to Broadway. More than 1,000 students, parents, and concerned citizens are expected to march. The parade will pass several drug "hot spots." The central focus of the parade will be to promote respect and a solid education as key weapons against drug abuse.

For more details please contact: Elizabeth Hernández at 624-2528 or Carmen Ruiz at 483-2703.



## Train to be a Home Health Care Aide

Registration is now open for the July 1994 training course for the Home Health Care Aide Training Program. Preferably, candidates should be bilingual Spanish-speaking.

Those interested should call Stephanie Barnett of C.E.T. immediately at 484-0096 or NC Hispanic Development Corp. at 623-6231. Good possibility of direct employment after certification.

## Entrenamiento Para Ayudantes de Salud

Se puede matricular para los cursos de julio para ayudantes de salud. Se prefiere candidatos bilingües de habla hispana. Si está interesado favor de llamar a Stephanie Barnett de C.E.T. al 484-0096 o N.C. Hispanic Development Corp al 623-6231. Hay buena posibilidad de empleo despues de la certificación.



## NCC Youth Services Student Of The Month

Youth Services Student of the Month for April is Frank Noble. Frank is a very conscientious young man and is very helpful to other youth when they need assistance.

He is a third grade student at Newton Street School and his grades are very impressive. He has the friendship of everyone in the after-school program and he is very polite and has a lot of manners. Frank is also a very soft spoken young man but no one takes advantage of him at all.

Frank wants to be an undercover Police Officer when he grows up and he seems to be well on his way by not breaking any rules in the program and attempting to assist the staff in enforcing the rules whenever applicable. He's like a little father in the program.

Frank's favorite sport is football, his favorite television show is Martin and his favorite subject in school is math. One of his favorite movies is the "The Crow."

It is good to see our youth with such high self-esteem and such wonderful



Frank Noble  
goals set for themselves.

Kim Garrett  
Youth Services Group Teacher

## Children Of Douglass-Harrison Support Senior Citizen Month

May was designated as "Senior Recognition Month," so the social service office of Douglass-Harrison organized an Art Exposition. Children from five to twelve years old were asked to write a short essay about or draw a picture of a senior citizen who has inspired them or given them guidance. The children's parents were asked to get involved in the writing and drawing program by encouraging them to participate.

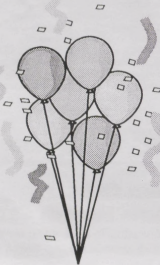
A total of eighteen children signed up during the month of March and by the last days of April they submitted

their works of art. Interestingly, most of the children thought that their grandparents were role models for them. As a consequence, every work is focused on a grandmother or a grandfather.

All those who successfully entered the program received a certificate of participation.

The children residing at Douglass-Harrison as well as the NCC Social Service Department congratulate all the senior citizens during this special month.

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## Commons And Douglass-Harrison Celebrate Senior Appreciation Month Together

On May 17, several social workers from Douglass-Harrison and the social worker of NC Commons organized a special celebration for their senior citizen residents. The event was held in the community room of Commons located at 140 So. Orange Ave., starting at 11:00 a.m. During the first hour, pianist Dolores Branch played and sang delightful songs followed by the words of Douglass-Harrison residents Doris Moore and Gertrude Weaver, who acted as hostesses, giving all the seniors a warm welcome. In addition, an exquisite buffet dinner was served and none of them could wait to try the beautiful decorated cake for dessert inscribed with Congratulations Seniors on Your Recognition Day!

Before the program started, all the participants had their names placed in a box for a raffle-drawing. After dinner, the hostesses proceeded to pull out some of the names and gave them door prizes. They were thrilled. Also, nonagenarians Zera Brown, Amanda Graham and Alice Hicks received a special ribbon as symbol of their vitality and importance to the Community.

The event was successfully concluded at 3:00 p.m. by soloist Richard Majette, whose charming voice gained everyone's admiration. The seniors could not resist singing along with Mr. Majette to favorite songs such as "One Day At A Time, Sweet Jesus," "Misty," and "The Very Thought Of You." We salute all the senior citizens. May you enjoy many more years.



Sr. Yvette Arnold (left) and Sr. Helene Truecitt gather together with residents from NC Commons Senior and Douglass-Harrison in celebration of Senior Month.

## Stop Violence... With Justice For All

The National Association of Social Workers, (NASW), has published a poster with the theme "With Justice For All." The poster provides 100 different ways that people can help prevent and reduce violence in their lives. A few examples of what we can all practice include:

1. Be slow to anger, slow to accuse, quick to tolerate.
2. Be charitable toward rude people — they do not know better.
3. Support social programs that make people's lives better.
4. Say "hello" to your neighbor.
5. Be responsible for your own actions.
6. Respect each person's individuality.
7. Make spending time with your children a number one priority.
8. Say "no" to jokes about racism, women, race, minorities, religions, and nationalities.
9. Write a letter protesting a violent film or television program.
10. Show another parent how to discipline a child without hitting.

Remember, these are just a few things that you can do to stop violence. Each and every day we should be kind to our families, friends and fellow neighbors.

Rosa M. Weber  
Family Violence Project

## Tenth Annual Hunger And Homeless Cleanup Project Benefits Shelter

On Saturday, April 23, 1994, New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, (NJPIRG), sponsored its tenth annual hunger homeless cleanup project. NJPIRG is a student organization from Rutgers University. They complete various types of service projects for community agencies throughout the year. This year our Essex County Family Violence Project was selected as one of the ten programs that they chose to clean as a part of this endeavor.

On that day, 20 volunteers ranging in ages from 12 to 19 years old arrived at noon ready to complete various projects to clean and brighten our shelter facility. They raked and swept our outside play area for the children, sorted and straightened out clothing donation closets, emptied and cleaned all of our kitchen cabinets, as well as painted one of our bedrooms.

It was a pleasant event as everyone worked together to complete the projects. The afternoon ended at 3:00 p.m. when the assignments were finished.

We would like to thank NJPIRG and the volunteers for choosing our program as a recipient of this project. We hope to continue working with NJPIRG in the future.

Rosa M. Weber

## HOME HEALTH-CARE AIDE TRAINING

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## Parent To Parent

Times are changing and so are the issues facing parents. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please call NCC Social Services (623-6114) for dates and times.



## Alfred: Then And Now

*Editor's Note: The New Community social workers look at their position not as a job, but as an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of the people they touch. This is the story of one such instance. We are very proud of all of them.*

Pat Foley

When I first started working at Social Services almost eight years ago, Alfred was there. He would meet me and everyone else at the car and offer to carry anything into the building. Many days there are bags and boxes to balance. Sometimes though, I think Alfred would offer to carry a pencil. No matter who parked in the lot — salespersons, delivery men, visitors — the procedure would be the same. When a gracious "thank you" was expressed, Alfred made it clear that this service was not for free and he worked hard at getting some cash put into his palm.

Car washing was another enterprise of Alfred's. This didn't go very far, though, especially since someone remarked that he did it with a cup of water.

Alfred wasn't always received enthusiastically at social services since persistence was his strongest quality and he persisted in asking for money and trying to make a deal. Recommendations for jobs didn't help, either. Alfred just wasn't able to fulfill the obligations.

Things are different now. Perhaps



Man of the hour, Alfred, is surrounded by his biggest fans, the staff of NC Social Services.

Gloria Chambers knows why. She saw potential in Alfred and gave him a steady job of assisting her in delivering food for the Congregate Breakfast Program. Loading and unloading supplies has become Alfred's specialty and Gloria couldn't do it without him.

Now, social services looks for Alfred and we count on him as our man for the job. Alfred's helpfulness extends beyond carrying things. He recently separated two youngsters who were going at each other in the parking lot.

Other adults had tried, but only Alfred succeeded.

Looking at Alfred with a different eye, I can now see that way back he was a developing entrepreneur — getting himself ready for business as he approached each of us. He knew where he wanted to work and what he wanted to do and he went after it and persisted until he succeeded.

Social Services acknowledged Alfred as a loyal worker and recognizes him as special. He has arrived.

Sister Kathleen Coll

## Douglas Homes Good Neighbor: Mr. Helpful

Anonymity is what our mystery neighbor wishes to have, so we will fall him Mr. Helpful. He is no mystery to the tenants of Douglas Homes who are the recipients of his many kindnesses. Each morning the Star Ledger appears on the desk of the Security Guard and in the apartments of several tenants, compliments of him. The rest of the morning and part of the afternoon is spent wearing a path to the many stores he frequents countless times a day for anyone who has a need or even a want.

Our more disabled tenants have Mr. Helpful watching out for them making sure they are alive, well and have all the necessities. Sunday morning becomes delivery day for the paper. He delivers so many that anyone watching him would think he was a newspaper man.

There are many times Mr. Helpful lends money which is not always repaid but that never puts a stop to his generosity.

It would be difficult to put into this article all that he does but Mr. Helpful truly gives new meaning to the words "Good Neighbor."

Sister Eleanor McFadden  
Social Worker

## NC Gardens Senior Tenant Association Installs New Officers

Ms. Brenda West, Manager of NC Gardens Senior building, installed the new officers of the building's Tenant Association on Friday, April 22, 1994. The ceremony took place in the Community Room. The newly elected officers are: Edna Gillians, President; Wesley Hampton, Vice President; and Gloria Bradley, Treasurer.

The officers pledged to build upon New Community's goal of improving the quality of life for the tenants. They

promised to continue to work with management in handling the concerns and needs of the tenants.

Edna Gillians addressed the membership thanking them for their support and encouraging them to continue to be active members of the association. Ms. Gillians presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 1993 officers and two faithful members of security: Gloria Bradley, President; J. Pete Harris, Vice Presi-

dent; Janice Alford, Secretary; James North, Treasurer; Officer Coleman; and Officer Tappan.

The Installation Ceremony was

followed by a social hosted by the new officers.

Sister Eileen Wust



Building Manager Brenda West (left) swears in her new tenant council. Standing left to right are: Gloria Bradley, Janice Alford, Wesley Hampton and Edna Gillians.



In celebration of Senior Month, residents of NC Gardens Senior, 265 Morris Ave., gather together for a barbecued luncheon.

## Attention Parents...

### Summer Is Upon Us!!!

Applications for enrollment of children in the NCC Youth Services Summer Recreation Program are now being accepted at the Youth Services Office

220 Bruce Street, Newark, N.J. 07103

Children must be aged 6-11.

Please call Douglas Ayres, office manager at 201-623-6951 for information.

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## Honor Thy Father

Father's Day is a day set aside in June to honor "Father," a male who has begotten a child: loves, cares for, guides and supports his begotten child within the context of a family unit.

Important in early scripture was the concept of "Father" as the male parent of a family.

Deuteronomy 6:7 dictates to the father, "Thou shalt teach the commandments, statutes, and the judgments diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way...when thou liest down, and when thou risest up..." — in other words, at all times.

Ephesians 6:4 commands all fathers, "Father, bring up your children, in training and admonition of the Lord," and Proverbs 22:6 directs fathers, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

To adhere to biblical admonition presupposes that the father, himself, must first be right. Encumbent is the married father: residing within the home; committed to the management, education, and spiritual training of his child; obeying the commandment of God.

Since a child has a tendency to imitate his father, care should be taken to give correct models to copy and traditional biblical values by which to live. A father who respects himself and his child, does not neglect, abuse, or deceive his child nor the mother of his child.

Father may be old, a senior citizen, reminding of the "yellow days" recalling long ago memorable pleasurable experiences surrounded by children and family when life seem-

ed beautiful, but now he is lonely and forgotten. He may be ill and unable to properly do for himself. Seek out your father and do for him what you can. Christ reminds us, "in as much as we have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Not all fathers are spouses; some are not even family oriented nor concerned about prerequisite qualifications for familial responsibilities, so when child birth becomes imminent the novice father becomes missing, absenting himself for preoccupation with other less concentrated interests. "Absentee" fathers are frequently unknown to their children, and their children unknown to them. Their neither support nor bond with them. Some of these "absentee" fathers are teenagers and their numbers are increasing; others are incarcerated. In both cases the children are affected.

Not enough attention is given to the sexual behavior of children. It is imperative that fathers counsel their sons and daughters: to abstain from pre-marital sex; to refrain from petting, drinking, and placing themselves in compromising situations where they might be vulnerable to sexual arousal and eventual gratification; to meditate on and ever keep in mind, 1 Corinthians 6:19, "...Your body is the temple of the holy spirit which is in you, which you have of God..."

May this Father's Day be dedicated to the many loving morally supportive fathers who cared for and guided their children; and let us honor our heavenly Father, who loves us so much that He gave his life that we might live.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus  
Newark Public Library

## Summer Reading Program

The Newark Public Library will sponsor its third annual "Summer Reading Challenge" reading and literacy program for Newark's school children. The program encourages children to read over the summer months by offering a series of popular fun events and a step system of rewards for their efforts. The kick-off event will be held in Washington Park on Thursday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. with a variety of entertainment, face painting, balloons, and a picnic lunch, provided by the Robert Treat Hotel and Sunshine Biscuits. Any Newark youngster from 3-14 years old is invited to the kick-off and to participate in the program by signing up at their Branch Library. Each summer, the Summer Reading Challenge reaches thousands of inner city kids who collectively read and report on over 10,000 books.

"All studies are showing that a significant relationship exists bet-

ween increased reading and improvement in a child's overall academic and social achievement. Any effort that can be made to encourage Newark children to read is paramount," comments Dr. Alex Boyd, director of The Newark Public Library.

This year's theme is "Hop on the Magic Reading Bus." All the kids who participate in the program will receive prizes, bookmarks, posters, trophies, and medals with the top City Wide winners receiving stereo sets, walkmans, and boom boxes. "These 'rewards' encourage the kids to continue reading and develop competitive interest within the neighborhoods during the summer," continues Dr. Boyd.

If you are interested in the Summer Reading Challenge call the program coordinator Michelle Caputo at 733-7847 or stop by your nearest Newark Branch Library.

## Looking for Bargains? SHOP the ST. ROSE FLEA MARKET

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Saturday, June 4    Saturday, July 2  
Saturday, August 6**

**Place: St. Rose of Lima School Grounds  
(Parish Hall if it rains)**

**VENDORS INVITED - TABLES only \$7.00  
For info: Call Newt Richards (201) 623-2800**

## Art And Interaction

In January, St. Rose of Lima School welcomed interns from Ramapo College. The name of the internship is Art and Interaction and just as the title indicates, the elementary youngsters are presented each week with an opportunity to create a piece of art using different mediums while the interns have the opportunity to work and interact with elementary school children. It's an interesting exchange.

The college students prepare the classes, bring and set up the materials, instruct the students on how to use them and decide on what theme they will be exploring. After the introduction, the interns then allow the

children, as well as the quality of interaction by her Ramapo College students. Several of the interns have asked to continue coming through June even though their classes end mid-May. When the children were asked whether or not they would like to continue art, cheers from the children were the resounding "yes" the interns received. One of the interns, Antonette Foglia, has taken it upon herself to order artifacts from the Newark Art Museum so they can be displayed in the school library. She has also taken different classes to the museum so students can become familiar with the museum and what



St. Rose students and the interns from Ramapo College take time out from their productive art lesson to pose for a photo.

children to create. Each intern listens and talks individually with the young artists. Time is always saved for sharing each others art pieces. So far the budding artists have painted with water colors, created sculptures with clay, used crayons to produce wonderful murals and scenes, and conceived delicate collages of tissue, and strip paper.

Children from grades two, three, and six have had an opportunity to participate in the program. All the children who have taken part in the project are enthusiastic and anxious to look forward each week to the next class.

Dr. Judith Peck the Ramapo College faculty advisor for the project recently visited St. Rose of Lima School and the Art and Interaction class. She was very pleased at the reaction and creative projects of the St. Rose

children to have. A special project awaits the eighth graders as several of the interns will return to let each graduating eighth grade create a tile that will become part of a tile wall in the school.

The children and faculty of St. Rose are grateful for the opportunity to participate with Ramapo College and are glad that the New Community Foundation is so interested in their school that they are willing to fund these worthwhile projects under their EXCEL program. We anticipate the Art and Interaction Internship and Bloomfield College Independent Studies Internship will continue again next year.

The interns are such fine young adults and good role models, we hope to see more of this community outreach from other colleges in the future.

Gae Brunner

## Fran Sculli Honored As Outstanding Volunteer

Fran Sculli is the mother of five kids ranging in age from 11 to 21 years old and can still find time to volunteer eight hours a week with the students of St. Rose of Lima School in Newark. Sculli received a "1994 Outstanding Volunteer Award" from the Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County for her work at the Newark school. She was honored at the Volunteer Center's 5th Annual Recognition Reception in Livingston, April 21, hosted by The CIT Group. The reception is held each year in keeping with National Volunteer Week (April 17-23).

Through her involvement in New Community Corporation, Sculli learned that St. Rose of Lima School had been given computers but had no one to implement a computer program. So, in the past four years, Sculli set up a computer room, arranged and fixed the donated computers and, working with the classroom teachers, designed a computer program for each class (first through eighth grade). "As much as you give, you learn about the people and, in my case, about the computers you're working with," Sculli says about her volunteer experience.



Sculli has been an active volunteer for 20 years. In addition to her work in Newark, she is an active volunteer for the Center for Enabling Technology (computer skills for the disabled), she is Chairman of the Millburn Special Education Committee, serves on two school boards (St. Rose of Lima in Newark and in Short Hills) and instituted a computer committee for the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills.